

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP, EMIN, BL  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MINISTER LECHIN

REF: LA PAZ 1470

1. LECHIN MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR APPOINTMENTS. HE WILL TRAVEL  
NEW YORK TO WASHDC ON ALLEGHENY FLIGHT 486 FEB 26, ARRIVING  
BALT NATL AT 1145 P.M.

2. DURING CONVERSATION MINISTER LECHIN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE  
CONTENTS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE GOB AND THE ASEAN  
GROUP BEING REPORTED IN SEPTEL, THE GOB AND ASEAN HAD  
DISCUSSED AMONG THEMSELVES THE FUNCTION OF THE GSA STRATEGIC  
TIN STOCKPILE AS BEING "IN EFFECT PART OF THE TIN BUFFER  
STOCK". HE SAID THAT STRICTLY ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS HE  
WONDERED HOW THE USG WOULD REACT TO A PROPOSAL WHEREBY  
THE GSA WOULD ALLOW THE ITC BUFFER STOCK TO ACT AS AGENT  
IN SELLING GSA TIN, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE TO REVERT  
TO THE USG. IN THIS WAY, HE SAID, THE BUFFER STOCK WOULD  
HAVE THE SUPPLY OF TIN NECESSARY TO PREVENT EXTREME RISES  
IN TIN PROCES, A GOAL WHICH THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES SHARE  
WITH THE CONSUMERS, IN ORDER TO AVOID SUBSTITUTION TO OTHER  
COMMODITIES. MINISTER LECHIN SAID HE INTENDED TO RAISE SUCH A  
POSSIBILITY IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

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